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Casting About

A Play
"A FREE WORLD"
The Scene — A Rock.
The Time — The Year 2000.
The Cast (comprising the total population of the world — three penguins).

The Father Henry Penguin
The Mother Myrtle Penguin
The Son Peter Penguin

Henry: Myrtle, when are you going to have our supper, my stomach is groaning.

Peter: I'm hungry.

Myrtle: I wish both of you would keep still. You would think the world was coming to an end.

Henry: There'll be one less if you don't hurry — what are we having today?

Myrtle: The same as yesterday, and the day before.

Peter: I'm hungry — my nose is bleeding.

Myrtle: Henry, chip off another piece of rock, this stew hasn't got much body.

Henry: Are we having rock again today — I'm getting fed up. You cook anything but rock? Where's the fossil feet I found yesterday?

Myrtle: I'm saving them. I'm making Fossil feet casserole for Thanksgiving Day.

Peter: I'm hungry mama, lemme chew on that old carburetor pop found in the water yesterday.

Myrtle: No eating between meals — dinner will be ready soon.

Henry: You know Myrtle, it's so nice and quiet these days since they got rid of the noisy elements around here.

Myrtle: Oh Henry, I like it so much here now — only the four of us.

Henry: What do you mean, four of us — you and me and Henry, that's only three.

Myrtle: (With eyes downcast) Oh silly Henry, can't you guess.

Henry: You don't mean —

Myrtle: Yes Henry —

Henry: Why didn't you tell me.

Myrtle: You didn't ask.

Peter: I'm hungry.

Henry: What a day. If I only had some cigars to pass around and some boys to pass them around to — what shall we call it.

Myrtle: I'd like to call it, Stella Dallas Just Plain Bill United States Penguin. In memory sort of.

Henry: That's a nice name — kinda brings tears to my eyes to think back and remember all those nice people.

Myrtle: But Henry, we have each other and Peter and the other one.

Henry: Henry: Yes, Myrtle — and it's our "Free World" too. We'll really make something out of it this time.

Peter: I'm hungry!

(End)

THE SUMMER CONFERENCE DATES FOR THIS SEASON ARE ANNOUNCED

Announcement has just been made of the list of Summer Conferences which will be held in Northfield this year and a bulletin has been issued which is being sent out through the mails to friends who are interested.

The Conferences will follow one another and begin on June 16, ending August 9. The first will be the Northfield Girls Conference from June 16 to 23; Then comes the Northfield Missionary Conference from June 25 to July 3. The Massachusetts Christian Endeavor Conference will be held from July 3 to 10. The Northfield Conference of Religious Education will follow from July 14 to 23. The United Presbyterian will hold their eastern summer conference from July 24 to 31. The Northfield General Conference established in 1880 will hold its ten day sessions from July 31 to August 9. Later, following these preliminary announcements of dates, bulletins will be issued giving detailed provisions of the programs.

Much stress will be given to the General Conference and an attractive program of speakers is being secured. The success of the conference held last year should warrant much interest this summer.

As usual provisions must be made by those expecting to attend and reservations should be made early.

All requests for further information should be addressed to the Northfield Summer Conferences, East Northfield, Massachusetts.

The distance is great from the town of Northfield to a devil-riden, squallid village in India, but Miss Charlotte Wychoff, in speaking before a gathering of townspeople at a family supper at the Congregational Church on March 11, managed to bring the picture of India today closer to her listeners.

Holding the flag of one of the newest nations, India, before her, Miss Wychoff told of life in her village, with its caste system, the untouchables, the devils lurking under rocks and in the trees, the need for medical care and most important of all, the great work that is being done by so few with so little.

Great powers of imagination must be put to work to conjure up even the faintest of pictures of the greatness of the sacrifices that these people, like Miss Wychoff, make in fighting the darkness pervading India.

The speaker recalled the effect of the life and death of Mahatma Gandhi upon the people of India, for it was through the efforts of Gandhi that great reforms had been pursued and great progress had been made toward a more enlightened way of life.

The British Miss Wychoff said, had been making great strides in aiding the new nation of India to take her place in the family of nations.

It was a pleasure as well as a revelation to hear Miss Wychoff speak with serenity, with spirit and with great force of the magnificent and mostly unsung work being done in far-off lands.

The devotional services for the evening were led by the Junior Department of the Church School.

The supper was served by the following, with Mrs. Sidney Given as Chairman: Mrs. William Mitchell, Mrs. F. Wilton Dean, Mrs. Roy Lanphear, Mrs. Paul Thompson, Mrs. Sidney Given, Jr., Mrs. Grady Hoyle, Mrs. Roy A. Barrows, and Miss Frieda Jordan.

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With a timely title, "The Ideas of March", by Thornton Wilder takes its place on our shelves this week. This is a Book-of-the-Month selection and bids fair to rival in popularity Mr. Wilder's many other literary triumphs. In characteristic clear-cut style, Mr. Wilder delves far back into history for his latest novel, bringing to us the rich pageant of life in the Rome of Julius Caesar. To quote the book jacket summary, "The Caesar of history becomes Caesar the human being as he appears to himself, his family, his legions, his Rome, his Empire, in the months immediately preceding his death. Through imaginary letters and documents, which are cunningly revealing and follow a narrative pattern, all Rome comes crowding through these pages." This book is refreshingly different as indeed are all of Mr. Wilder's works, and there is something here faintly reminiscent of his hauntingly lovely "Woman of Andros" which we feel bears a re-reading ever so often, if only for its smooth-flowing and poetic style.

"10,000 Garden Questions, F. F. Rockwell, editor. How to Landscape your Gardens. Loyal R. Johnson's Book of Animals, Alfred Haeberle. Garden Bulbs in Color, J. Horace McFarland. Garden Dictionary, Norman Taylor. "1000 Home Remedies", H. H. B.

for their sap and to preserve the chestnut for its contribution for food. Thus along brooks and in swamps trees survived. The four Puritans looked up the natives, and with gifts and their language gained the information that the valley Indians had been defeated a few years before by the Mohawks from the west, and consequently would seem to welcome the English for protection. Earlier an epidemic had decreased their numbers, but they had not been brought to the final point of extinction as had the Indians of Plymouth colony. Not one Indian had survived in Plymouth except one who had been taken a prisoner, transported to England, but who eventually returned via Newfoundland to his desolate abandoned home. It would seem that Providence guided the destinies of both the Northfield and the Plymouth settlers. Here in Northfield the Indians had cleared sites, which the settlers put to good use. In Plymouth the settlers discovered the true worth and value of the Indian, "Squanto", who in living with the Pilgrims taught them how to raise corn, how to catch beaver and he also acted as interpreter in their dealings with the Indians. It is difficult to conceive how the Pilgrims could have or would have, survived without the help of "Squanto".

No minister with his parish around Boston was destined to find Northfield, for that method although quite frequent in the generation before was now seldom used in settling new home sites. A petition to seek permission of the General Court to settle Northfield from the Mount Grey, or the south east part of the town, as did those pioneers who came from the east, following the Millers River from over Athol way. Of course this was not Athol then. The view today from that approach is one of the finest, but it is off the main highway. It may be surprising to many a reader to learn that the land was not all heavily wooded, for here had been and still were the homes of the Squakeag and other Indian tribes, whose custom it was to keep the forest from overrunning their cultivated fields. Care was taken to save the maple trees

The former Parker dairy farm on the Millers Falls Rd. recently owned by Harold Street, has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Miller of Jeffersonville, N.H. Mr. Miller is the son of Arthur Miller of South Vernon. Shelburne Falls chapter of the Eastern Star has chosen Mrs. Florence M. Russell of Greenfield as its matron for the ensuing year. Mrs. Russell and her family were summer residents of Mountain Park in Northfield last season.

According to the will of the late Frank E. Evans died recently in Probate Court, his entire estate goes to his widow, Mary R. Evans, who is also named executor. Mr. Evans died February 17. Paul Robeson - Leslie Banks

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To the Editors:

Thank you for printing the Compton's timely letter, important because it shows us the grave danger Greeks and Americans are in, and at the same time, shows us definite tangible ways in which we can help.

At the end of August, there is to be a "Give-A-Gift-To-Greece" party. Anyone who contributes a handmade, woolen pair of socks or mittens, or a scarf is invited to attend. The exhibition of articles will be at "Green Pastures".

This arrangement allows four months for transportation of these goods. The Compton's Christmas Box will be used to care for some of the fatherless children and widowed employees of Anatolia College.

Sincerely,
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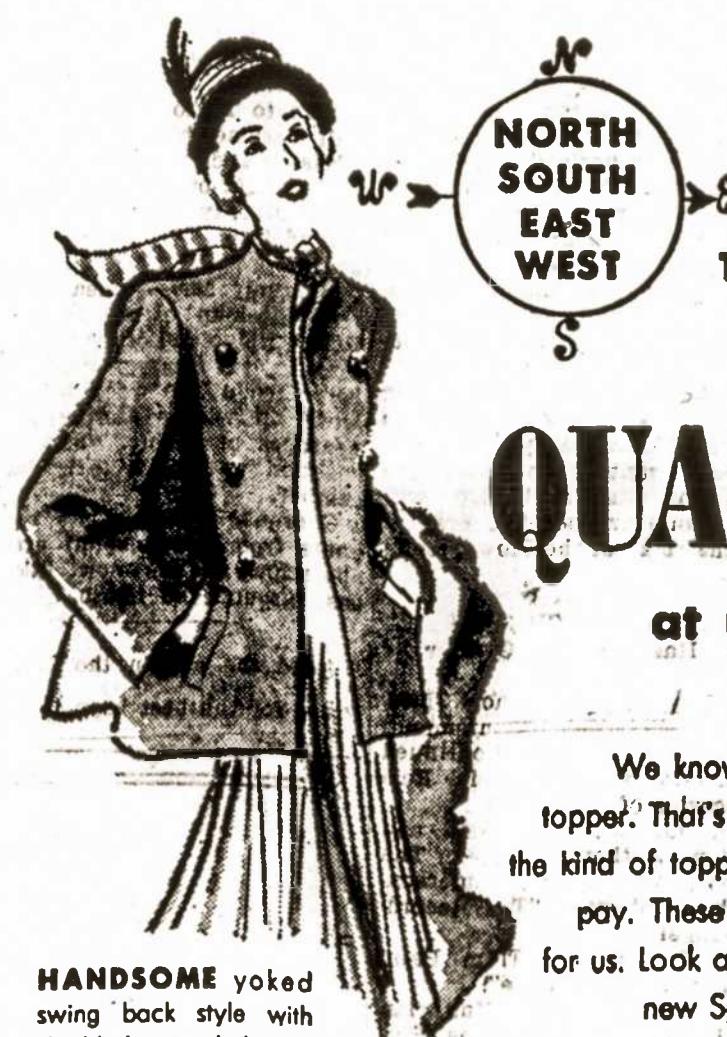
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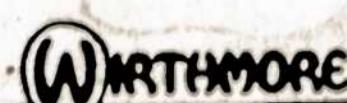
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OBITUARIES**N. DWIGHT ALEXANDER**

The death of Nischa Dwight Alexander, as announced in the Press of last week, took place at his home on Main street at the age of 90 years after an illness of several months. He died Friday, March 12. He was born in Northfield, January 12, 1868, the son of William D. and Elizabeth Seaverance Alexander. He was a graduate of Amherst college class in 1892 and was in business in Springfield for more than thirty years, retiring about five years ago.

He married the former Kate Mattson here in 1897 and last year observed their 50th wedding anniversary. He was a past master of Harmony Lodge of Masons and closely identified with local interests. Survivors, besides his wife are two sons, Cleason M. of Indianapolis, Ind.; and David G. of Northfield; one daughter, Mrs. H. E. Tolman of Springfield. Three sisters, Miss Elizabeth Alexander of California; Mrs. Josephine Webster of this town and Mrs. Mary Holton also of Northfield. There are several nieces and nephews and grandchildren. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at his home with Rev. Hazel Rogers Gredler, minister of the Unitarian church, officiating. Harmony Lodge attended and participated in the funeral service.

The wedding will take place in the spring.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS**Phelps — Bolton**

Mrs. Florence Phelps of Main street, announces the engagement of her daughter, Elizabeth Louise, to Arthur H. Bolton Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Bolton of West Northfield. Miss Phelps, a graduate of Northfield High School is a secretary in the office of the Northfield School for Girls. Bolton was graduated from Mount Hermon School.

The wedding will take place in the spring.

Marshall - Yetter

Lt. Col. and Mrs. William Marshall of Highland Avenue announce the engagement of their daughter Lucretia Bell to David A. Yetter, son of Mrs. Frank D. Yetter of Chapman St., Greenfield. Miss Marshall is a receptionist at Ann's Beauty Salon in Greenfield. Mr. Yetter is employed at "Yetter the Florist" in Greenfield. He was with the U.S. Army in Japan. A fall wedding is planned.

Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Durgin will be at home to friends at 7 Glenwood Avenue on March 24 from 4 p.m.

Lt. and Mrs. Russell Durgin will be leaving Northfield March 27 to return to Tokio where Mr. Durgin will resume his work as senior advisory secretary to the National Y. M. C. A. of Japan.

Mrs. Murray Hammond has returned from a two week visit with her sister, Mrs. William F. Kirly and family at Longmeadow.

A check-up of all cottages on Rustic Ridge and other sections belonging to summer residents is being made this week following a let-up in winter storms and the nearness of spring. The last inspection was made early last December.

George N. Kidder has returned home from the hospital after his operation and is now taking it easy around the house.

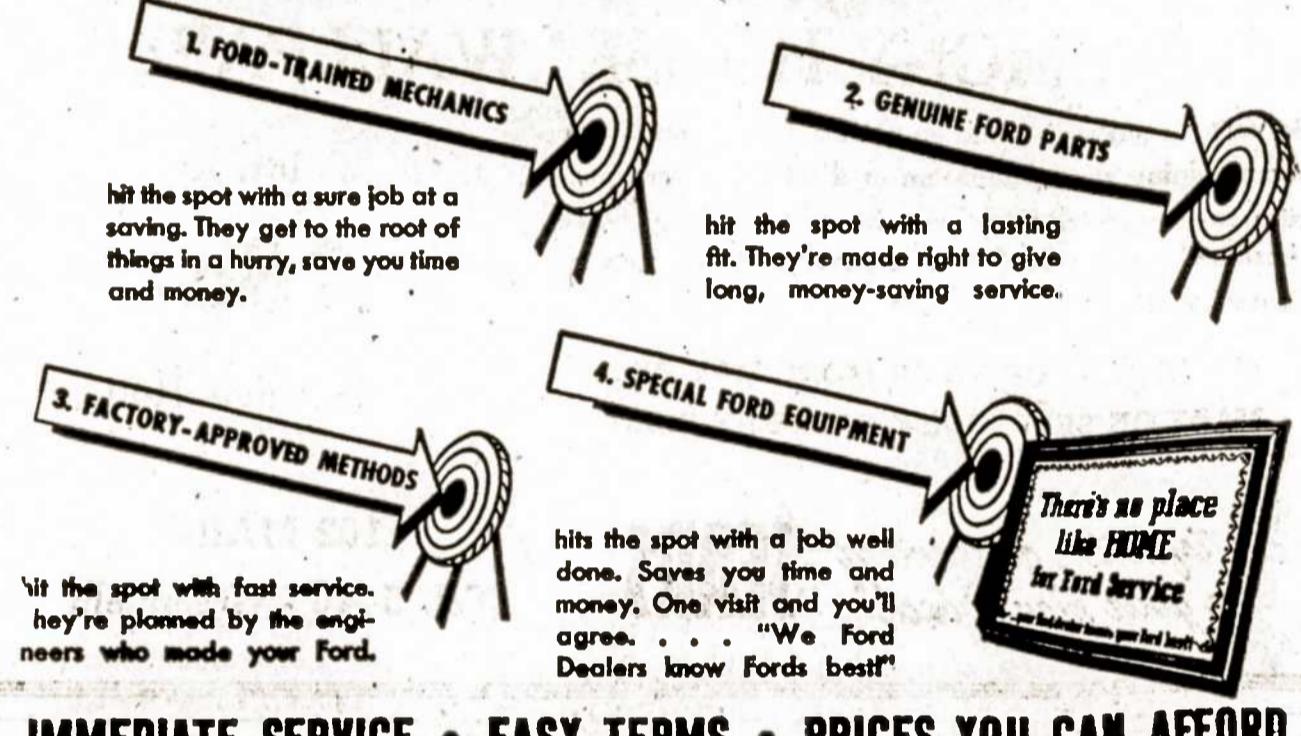
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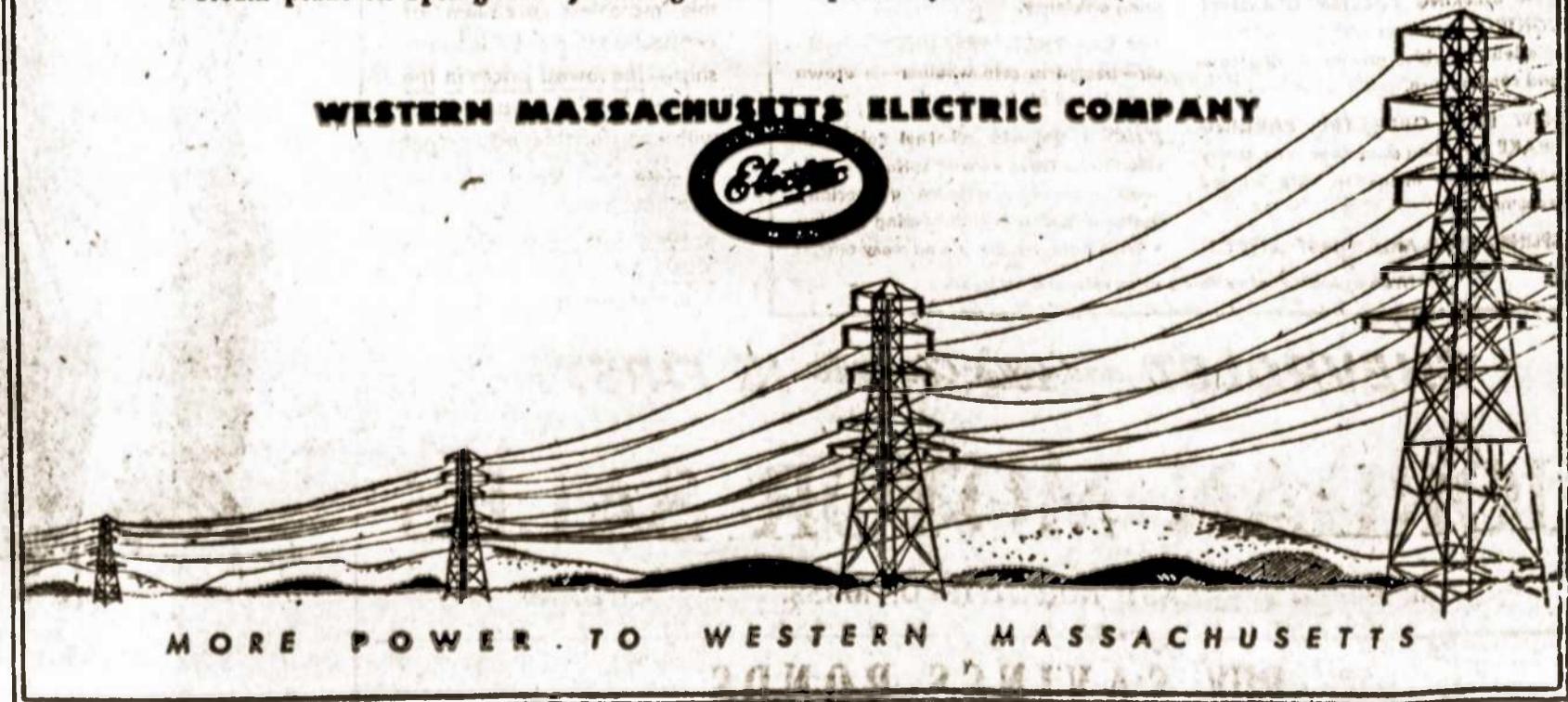
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